Government raised the basis of assessment of teaching grant from one-half to two-thirds of the approved net cost from 1st June 1947.

" (e) No representations have been received after the orders referred to in (c) were issued."

" *Mourning Week* " *observed by Tamil teachers.*

* 87 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the " Mourning Week " observed by Tamil teachers;

(b) whether any and what demands have been made by the Provincial Tamil Teachers' Association, and, whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken thereon by the Government;

(c) how and in what manner have the Government endeavoured, and what steps have been taken, to improve the lot of Tamil Teachers (of all grades) since March 1946;

(d) the present salaries and allowances of the Tamil Teachers (of various grades) and the corresponding salaries and allowances of English Teachers; and the differences (in percentage); and

(e) Whether the Government have any proposal to equalize the salaries of the Tamil and English Teachers and, if so, the details of the proposal?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (a) Yes.

" (b) Representations have been received from the Madras Tamil Teachers' Association and the Madras Presidency Tamil Sangham and they are under consideration.

" (c) It is presumed that by 'Tamil Teachers' 'Tamil Pandits' are meant. The scales of pay for such Pandits were revised and fixed with effect from 1st January 1947 as in the case of teachers in other subjects. With reference to certain representations made subsequently the grades, qualifications and scales of pay for Pandits and Munshis have been further revised placing qualified Pandits on a par with L.T. and Secondary Grade Assistants in other subjects in the matter of pay.

" (d) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table. There is no difference in the scales of pay now between L.T. Assistants and Secondary Grade teachers teaching other subjects and Pandits and Munshis in the corresponding grades teaching the languages alone.

" (e) Teachers in schools are not classified as English teachers and Tamil teachers—Tamil Pandits are now teaching the language alone while the other teachers teach not only English but also other subjects through the medium of English

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or Tamil. There was slight difference in the revised scales of pay for the two classes of teachers in view of the general educational qualification and training qualification required for class teachers handling several subjects but the distinction has since been removed.''

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—'' Is it a fact, Sir, that Tamil Pandits who have no knowledge of English are paid less than those who have knowledge of English? ''

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—'' It is not a matter of knowledge of English but it is a question of possessing additional qualifications.''

New Muslim High School, Bellary.

* 88 *Q*.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength of the new Muslim High School, Bellary, is at present;

(*b*) what the total net cost of the New Muslim High School was for the year ending with 31st March 1947? How much of it was contributed by Government; and

(*c*) the amount contributed by Government to the Municipal High School, Bellary, for the year ending 31st March 1947?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—'' (*a*) 429.

'' (*b*) The total net cost to the school was Rs. 3,403 and the grant paid by Government was Rs. 2,803.

'' (*c*) Rs. 10,300. This is provisional and is subject to adjustment after the teaching grant for 1947–48 is assessed in 1948–49.''

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—'' Sir, is it the only Muslim High School started by Government, or are there any such schools elsewhere in the Province? ''

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—'' There are Muslim High Schools started by Government elsewhere also.''

Location of the Government Stationery Stores.

* 89 *Q*.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) where the Government Stationery Stores is now located and how long it has been there;

(*b*) what the annual rent, transport and other expenses incurred by the Government are by the location of the said stores in the present place; and

(*c*) whether the stores has not got its own special premises in the First Line Beach and why it has not yet been brought back to the same place?